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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, ENRG, IAEA, VE

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM
FUEL

REF: (A) 76 CARACUS 14499 (B) STATE 288881
(C) STATE 244434 (D) 76 IAEA VIENNA 8458

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED COPY OF GOV LETTER OF
DECEMBER 3, 1976 TO DG EKLUND, REQUESTING SUPPLY THROUGH
AGENCY OF 2900 GRAMS, 93 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM FOR
USE IN RV-1 NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR OF IVIC. WE AP-
PRECiate FACT THAT LETTER WAS RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS
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RAISED PREVIOUSLY BY USG (REF B) RE TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC
JUSTIFICATION FOR HEU. ALTHOUGH STATED REASONS ARE
UNDERSTANDABLE, THEY ARE QUALITATIVELY EXPRESSED AND,
THEREFORE, CANNOT BE ASSESSED FULLY FROM LIMITED INFORMA-
TION PRESENTED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN VIEW OF ON-
GOING USE BY IVIC OF URANIUM ENRICHED TO LESS THAN 20
PERCENT U-235. TECHNICAL NECESSITY FOR HEU MUST BE

DETERMINED IN CONTEXT OF PROGRAM PLANNED. DESCRIPTION IS NOT GIVEN IN LETTER OF TECHNICAL EXPERIMENTS FOR WHICH IMPROVED FLUX DISTRIBUTION, OR OTHER PARAMETERS AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH USE OF HEU, WILL BE REQUIRED; OR OF SPECIFIC FLUX DISTRIBUTION NEEDS; OR PURPOSES AND DURATION OF PROGRAM. SIMILARLY, POTENTIAL ECONOMIC PENALTIES ARE CITED IN GENERAL TERMS FOR USE OF ENRICHMENTS APPROXIMATING 20 PERCENT WITH NO SPECIFIC PRICE ADVANTAGES ASCRIBED TO USE OF HEU.

2. EMBASSY IS ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION AS INDICATED PARA 1.

3. THE WHOLE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY IS NOW UNDER REVIEW BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. THEREFORE, PER REF C PARA 3, ADDRESSEES ARE CAUTIONED THAT REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFO DOES NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY APPROVAL.
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